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I strongly disagree with the proposed Microsoft settlement, where Microsoft will provide 1 billion dollars of equipment and software to under privileged schools.

The big problems are:

1> That is traditionally an Apple Computing Stronghold. How is letting Microsoft push out it's LAST major competitor in the market where Microsoft is weakest, punish Microsoft's anti-competitive behavior?

2> The so-called "donation" of software to these same under privileged schools, is going to lock them into the HIGH DOLLAR cost of yearly upgrades, and with Microsoft's new "Open License" program, it will cost these schools millions in yearly support fees. How does forcing these under privileged school to pay Microsoft millions of dollars each year punish Microsoft for it's behavior?

Please reconsider this settlement, as it only BENEFITS Microsoft.

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